News release

Bitterly cold weather on the way

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Parts of the UK have experienced very unseasonable, mild weather over the past few days, but Met Office forecasters are warning that conditions look set to get a lot colder.

Yesterday (January 26), Aboyne in Aberdeenshire saw temperatures rocket to 18.3 °C, equalling the warmest January day on record - January 10, 1971 in Aber, Gwynedd. Elsewhere, temperatures were well above average for this time of year.

However, forecasters are warning that plunging temperatures and strong to gale force winds are set to hit Scotland and the North tomorrow, spreading quickly across the rest of the UK during the week. The northerly winds will be bringing snow with them, possibly even at low levels.

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